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Dear Joint Policy Committee member:

I am writing to urge you to endorse the Greenbelt Alliance-endorsed Livable Communities Platform, which will help ensure good land use around transit stations.

I have been a Bay Area resident for over thirty years. During that time I have seen huge tracts of irreplaceable open space paved over with wasteful and unsustainable sprawl development, greatly diminishing the natural beauty which is one of the area's greatest assets.

While I understand the appeal of big-box retail to local governments looking to increase revenue, such developments use valuable land inefficiently, discourage pedestrian and bike transportation, and kill smaller locally-owned businesses.

Finally, I hope you will ensure that new housing units are primarily concentrated near existing transit corridors where they will reduce traffic instead of increasing it as fringe "sprawl" development does.

Thank you

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